GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1679
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PENDING PROJECTS IN TAMIL NADU
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of projects pertaining to Tamil Nadu are pending for environmental/forest clearance;

(b) the details of projects pending for more than a year;

(c) the reasons for their non-clearance;

(d) whether any previously refused projects have been given clearance on review during the last three years; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BABU LAL MARANDI)

(a) Eighteen (18) projects for environmental clearance and Nine (9) projects for forest clearance are pending .

(b) & (c) List of projects pending for more than one year along with reasons is given at Annexure -I.

(d) & (e) List of projects previously refused but reconsidered and given clearance during the last three years is given at Annexure -II.

ANNEXURE - I

ANNEXURE IN RESPECT OF PARTS (b) & (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1679 FOR 6.3.2000 REGARDING `PENDING PROJECTS IN TAMILNADU.

List of Pending Proposals of Tamil Nadu

Sl.No.	Name of the Projects	Reasons for Pendency
1.	Mining operation by TAMIN in Yellikaradu bit I, Salem.	Proposal was disccussed in State Advisory Group meeting and it was decided to consider this proposal after receipt of additional proposal for the encroached area of 6.60 ha. of Yellikaradu Bit-II, as the approach road for both the mining leases passes through this 6.60 ha area.
2.	220 KV line from Pykara Ultimage stage HEP at Nilgiris and Coimbatore by TNEB	Central Electricity Authority has been requested to furnish comments on the technical feasibility of the project to utilise the existing line for this by upgradation.
3.	Constn. of prayer hall by Muslim community in Kodiakadu RF Nagapattinam	The forest area falls in a wildlife sanctuary and as such State Government has been requested on 24.1.2000 for getting concurrence of IBWL. After receipt of that proposal shall be considered.

4.	Link road in Theni division Madurai	Original proposal rejected on 21.9.89. Revised proposal submitted by State Govt. is under process.
5.	6.5 MMTPA Refinery at Cuddalore of M/s Nagarjuna Oil Corporation Limited (NOCL).	The proposal was examined in the EC [I] meeting held on 18.02.99 and additional clarifications on the SO2 emissions etc. were sought. A Sub-Committee inspected the site in March 99. The proposal was again considered by the EC [I] in April 99. EC [I] recommended the project.However, as the linked SPM/Jetty projects etc. which required CRZ clearance had not been received in the Ministry, the refinery proposal was not processed. The linked SPM/jetty proposal has since been approved and risk assessment related aspects of the refinery proposal discussed further with the project proponent.

ANNEXURE - II

ANNEXURE IN RESPECT OF PART (d) & (e) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1679 FOR 6.3.2000 REGARDING PENDING PROJECTS IN TAMILNADU.

List of proposals previously refused, but reconsidered and given clearance in last three years

S.No.	Name of the Projects	Details with date of clearance
1.	Construction of Shenbagathope reservoir across Kamandalar river Thiruvannamalai	Earlier this proposal was rejected on 25.7.99. Revised proposal received and discussed in Forest Advisory Committee. Accordingly approval in principle accorded on 23.2.2000
2.	Constn. of Adavimainar koil reservoir across Hanuman Nadhi Nellai Kattabomman	Earlier rejected on 16.9.96.Reconsidered after receipt of additional information from State Government and approved on 8.11.99.